

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10 are currently pending in this application. Claim 10 is newly added. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled.

In the Official Action of April 1, 2005, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as anticipated by Jimison, U.S. Patent No. 6,049,938. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

Jimison related to a method for cleaning fruits and vegetables using a container that can be appropriately sealed to prevent the escape of water and debris. The fruit or vegetables are placed in the container and shaken to dislodge the debris. Once the product has been cleaned, the container can be opened, and the cleaned product can be removed. The container is provided with clear windows so that the progress of the cleaning process can be observed.

In contrast to Jimison, the present invention is directed to a container for children's articles, such as toys, which may contain allergens that induce adverse medical reactions such as asthma. The allergens are prevented from escaping from the container once the toy has been encased in the container. The child can view the toy using a clear window provided in the container for that purpose. None of these features are found in Jimison, and Jimison also fails to teach or suggest such features.

The present claims have been amended in order to specify that the container of this invention is designed to contain allergens, and that the object in the container is a child's toy or plaything. These features are not disclosed or suggested by the reference.

In view of the foregoing facts and reasons, this application is now deemed to overcome all remaining rejections, and to be in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections, and favorable action on this application, is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if this would facilitate allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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